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1. POLICY

- a. It is the policy of CIA, in pursuance of law, that an employee will not accept gifts, money, or other materials of monetary value from any individual or group of individuals engaged in any aspect of contractual relations with this Agency or where there is any indication or reasonable inference that the employee has been tendered the gift because of his official position.
- b. Gifts to members of the immediate family of an employee will be treated as gifts to the employee for the purposes of this regulation.
- c. It is recognized that in certain relationships arising out of the peculiar functions of this Agency, particularly the relationship of case officer and agent, it may be necessary for operational reasons to participate in the exchange of gifts. This regulation is not intended to interfere with such exchanges where operationally necessary. When an employee or agent of the government receives a gift from someone having a contractual relationship with the government there is a presumption of an intent by the employee to have his official decisions or actions influenced thereby. The circumstances of the case officer-agent relationship may serve to rebut this presumption. Some factors that may be considered in rebuttal are local custom, the operational relationship and the value of the gift. Nevertheless, employees shall do nothing to encourage the presentation of gifts to them and shall accept gifts only when in their own best judgment refusal would interfere with the relationship between the employee and the agent to such a degree as to result in harm to operations.

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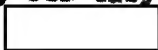
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- e. When a gift is presented by an official or employee of a foreign government and refusal of the gift might embarrass the U. S. Government, this Agency, or a cover organization, the gift may be accepted and then turned over to the Agency for disposition. The reporting and disposition requirements of  Foreign Awards and Decorations, will be observed.

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2. VIOLATIONS

Violations of this policy may constitute grounds for immediate dismissal from the Agency. Employees so dismissed may be subject to prosecution under the provisions of sections 202 and 216 of Title 18 of the U. S. Code pertaining to bribery and graft.

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